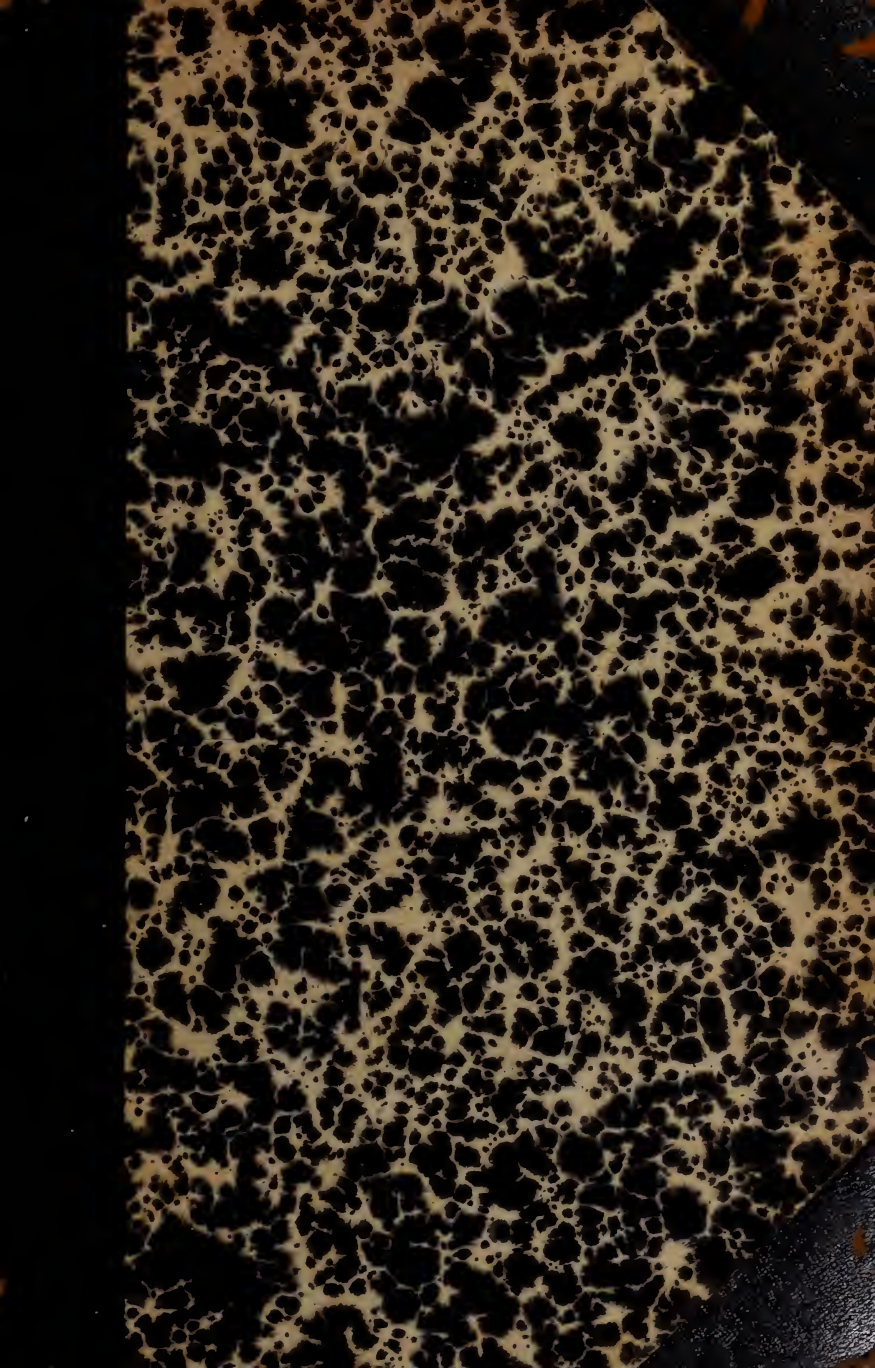




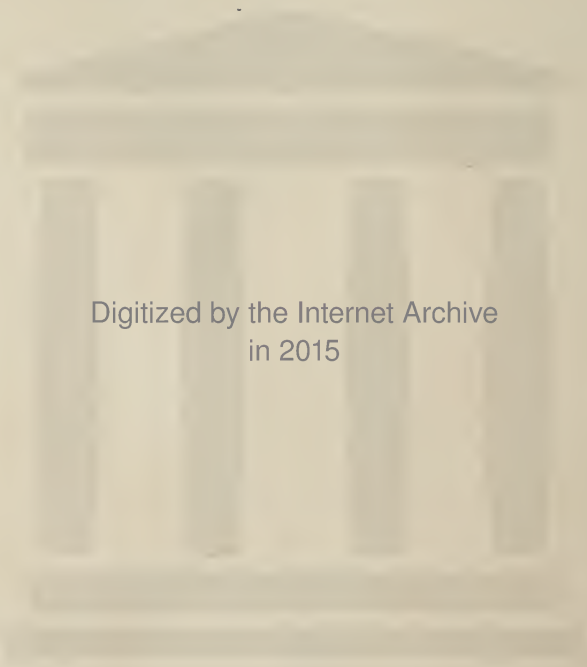
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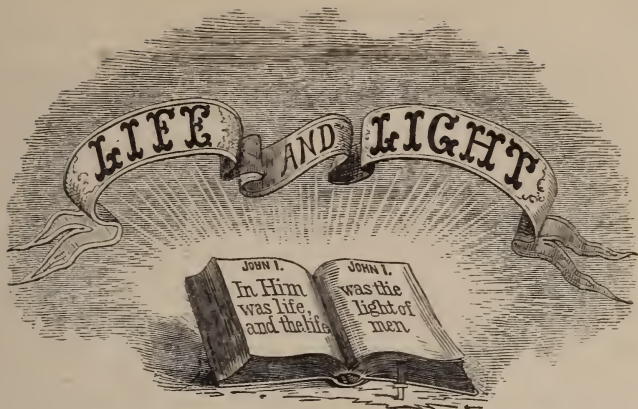
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INDIA.

LETTER FROM MISS NORRIS.

NEVER before have we been so much impressed with the way in which the nations of the earth are brought together by the ease and rapidity of locomotion, as on the receipt of a letter, on the 5th of February, from Miss Norris, our medical missionary in Bombay. She was with us in August last; and it seems but yesterday since she sat by our side in a farewell meeting, earnestly asking our prayers for success in her new field of labor. When the first missionaries of the American Board went to Bombay, it was nearly a year before tidings could be received of their safe arrival. Now, in five short months, there has been time for word to come back to us, not only of the journey accomplished, but of work really begun.

Missionaries' wives have long felt the great advantage their slight knowledge of medicine has given them in gaining access to the hearts and homes of the people; and now, from the letter given below, we are convinced that a thoroughly educated female physician has opportunities for usefulness in missionary work that are truly wonderful.

After speaking of her safe arrival, Miss Norris says, —

“I have been here only three weeks, and the work is opening up wonderfully. A great many patients have come to the house; and I have visited as many others at their homes. They have been mostly women of high caste, who would never see a male physician. They seem much pleased to see me; and their husbands can hardly find words enough to express their satisfaction. One man brought his wife all the way from Broach, — a place two hundred miles from here. Another young man came for me to visit his wife, who is only fifteen years old. He told me, on the way to his house, that his wife's family were very ignorant; and he feared they would not allow me to do any thing for her. I found her very low, and in need of immediate treatment; but her father said she had an evil spirit, and he had heard of a man who would cast it out in fifteen days, so that he could not permit me to do any thing. If she lives until the fifteen days are over, I think they will send for me again. My heart ached for the little creature; and I sincerely hope I may yet have an opportunity to do her some good.

“A native physician, a very intelligent man, has called me twice to examine cases that were quite unapproachable to him. I have been very kindly treated by the physicians here: several of them have visited me, including one Hindu, and one Parsee. These wealthy families give me a fee; and I think I shall be able to pay for my medicines, and some of the extra expenses. I commenced the study

of Marathi soon after my arrival, and am getting along very well with it. If my practice continues to increase, I shall not have as much time for study as I ought. There is an immense amount of work to be done. I only hope my heavenly Father will give me strength to do my part of it."

CEYLON.

A MEETING OF THE EDUCATED WOMEN OF JAFFNA.

THROUGH the kindness of Mrs. Capron we are able to give our readers the following extract taken from "The Morning Star," a weekly paper published in Jaffna, Ceylon, and edited by Christian natives, in the Tamil language. The movement mentioned originated entirely with the native Christian women; and the committee of nine were chosen from their own number, with the exception of Mrs. Hastings, who is the wife of the mission treasurer. It is with sorrow that we call to mind how much their jubilee will be saddened by the absence of Mr. Spaulding, who died on the 13th of June last. Amid the patient waiting which is the experience of so many of our missionaries, such an event as the one given below, showing substantial results, is full of encouragement. When we consider the great seclusion and subordinate position of women in India, the intelligence and self-reliance, as well as the thorough appreciation of the advantages of education, which they exhibit, is very remarkable.

The extract says, —

"We are glad to give publicity to a meeting held this month by some of the educated women of Jaffna. The meeting was convened by several of the graduates of the

Oodooville Female Boarding-School, and held on the 18th inst., at Manippay. The Oodooville school, it will be remembered, is the oldest institution of the kind in the province. It was commenced in 1824. At that time there were but very few native women who could read or sew; and those were such as had been taught by missionaries. The Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding, who have the charge of the school at present, took charge of it in 1833; and Miss E. Agnew became associated with them six years after. Ever since, these three devoted missionaries have been at work in enlightening the female mind, and giving it a shape and character. Among those who met the other day at Manippay, we are informed, were some who belonged to the very first class of 1824. These, next to Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding, know what pleadings, what entreaties, and even what bribings, were necessary at that period to persuade mothers to send their girls to school. We were informed that there were none but women in the meeting. After singing a hymn, of which they are fond, and after other devotional exercises, the following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted. Wishing them a hearty God-speed, we make room for a translation of the resolutions as put into our hands:—

“We the educated women of Jaffna, being deeply sensible of the benefits we have derived from the labors of Protestant missionaries, and feeling special gratitude to our much beloved and venerated instructors, Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding, who have with parental love and care spent more than half a century in self-denying labors for our good and the good of our people, and to our highly esteemed teacher, Miss E. Agnew, who for a third of a century has been untiring in her efforts to promote female education, desire to express in some definite and permanent form our respect and affection for them, and our gratitude for their labors,

and desire at the same time to perpetuate their memory. With this object in view, we therefore *Resolve*, —

“ ‘1. That we will raise a fund, to be called the Spaulding and Agnew Fund, the interest of which shall be placed at their disposal while they live, and afterwards shall be used for the education of girls needing aid in the Oodooville Female Boarding-School.

“ ‘2. That as the coming year (1874) is the Jubilee Year of the above-mentioned institution, and as it is hoped that arrangements will be made for the suitable celebration of it, we will invite all who have been connected with the institution to meet on that occasion, and formally present the fund which shall be collected.

“ ‘3. That a committee of nine — consisting of Mrs. Mary Page, Mrs. Mary John, Mrs. Lucy Fitch, Mrs. Louisa P. Simon, Mrs. Mary Anketell, Mrs. Abby Ann Rice, Mrs. Julia Strong, Mrs. Emilia Forman, and Mrs. Martha Asbury — be appointed to secure this object, of whom the first and second shall be joint secretaries; and that Mrs. E. P. Hastings be requested to act as treasurer of the fund, receiving and acknowledging donations in “The Morning Star.”

“ ‘4. That the proceedings of this meeting shall be published in “The Morning Star,” for the information of our educated sisters abroad, and that each be earnestly solicited to contribute to the fund as liberally as her circumstances will permit. It is hoped that most will be able to contribute not less than ten rupees (\$5.00) each.

“ ‘5. That donations will be thankfully received from others, both Europeans and natives, who may be disposed to contribute to the fund either from interest in the institution, or from respect to the venerable Dr. and Mrs. Spaulding and Miss E. Agnew.’ ”

TURKEY.

SOIRÉE AT THE CONSTANTINOPLE HOME.

WE are indebted to Mrs. Edwin Bliss for the subjoined account of an evening at the Constantinople Home, from the pen of Mr. Henry Dwight:—

“I wish you could have been at a *soirée* at the Home last week at which I was accidentally present. We were visiting there, and something was said about the monthly *soirée*; but, supposing it was a kind of junior exhibition, I didn't think much more about it. After tea, one or two settees and chairs were brought in, and arranged around the room. Soon the door opened; and in came the pleasant-faced Armenian teacher, followed by the entire school in Indian file, — boarders, day-scholars, and all; some thirty of them. They marched along one side of the room, to where Miss Rappleye was standing, shook hands with her, and then came on, still in rank, to where we were; each one pausing in the march to shake hands with us, and say ‘Good-evening!’ in English.

“After each of the teachers' hands had been duly shaken, everybody sat down; and, while I was waiting for the exhibition to commence, it began to dawn upon me that this was a *conversazione*; for each of the teachers was making a great effort to entertain the girls in her immediate vicinity with conversation. The law requires all the pupils to speak only in English at such a time, and also requires them to keep the ball of talk rolling, allowing no awkward pauses. You would never have imagined that there was any law about it, from the hearty, easy manner in which every one spoke to her neighbor; and I rather rubbed my eyes to be sure that these were Armenian girls. True, the *matter* of the conversation was not exceedingly

interesting; but it was limited by the vocabulary. One would say, 'Evnige, how can you spell knowledge?' Evnige would spell it successfully, and then answer, 'Virginia, how can you spell Mississippi?'

"After a few minutes, Miss Rappleye asked one of the girls if she would favor the company with some music. She went to the organ as quietly, and as much at her ease, as if it was an every-day occurrence for Armenian girls to play on the organ for a company. At the same time, and without any visible sign of direction from Miss Rappleye, six or eight girls went to their places at the organ; and, while the first one played, the others sang in a very spirited manner a hymn, 'Work, for the night is coming,' in Armenian. In this way the evening was passed, — little intervals of talk, and then a song, a recitation, or a piece from an opera on the piano, — all as smooth and natural as if it was *impromptu*; although, of course, Miss Rappleye must have arranged it previously. Once eight little girls stood up, and sang, 'Little drops of water,' by verses alternately in English and Armenian. The piano, by the way, is an abomination: it was old when I was young; and another ought to be obtained for use on such occasions.

"After a time came nuts and raisins, a plate to each; and the tongues rattled merrily while the eating was going on. The plates were soon taken away, and then one or two games were in order. I forgot to say that Dr. Wood and his wife had come in meanwhile; and it was with enormous satisfaction that the school found Dr. Wood and myself obliged to pay a forfeit: of course, the forfeits were of an entirely unexceptionable character; but the fun on all sides was just as great. During the whole evening, only English was spoken in the room; and it was done without hesitation. I was exceedingly pleased, especially as it was not an exhibition, but just a good time, which Miss Rappleye

gives the girls every month by way of teaching them social manners.

“After singing the Doxology, the party broke up, marching past in single file, again to shake hands and say ‘Good-night!’ I enjoyed the evening very much. Don’t you think it was worth a great deal?”

JAPAN.

LETTER FROM MISS TALCOTT.

WE give below an extract from one of the first letters from Miss Talcott, who left us in April last for her field of labor in Japan. After speaking of her great enjoyment in the beginning of her missionary life, she says, —

“You will naturally ask, as we do ourselves, what has been accomplished since the commencement of the work here. We see some results in the ninety interested listeners who come to the sabbath service, in the daily attendance at morning prayers, in the increasing confidence in the missionaries among the natives, in the fact that no foreigners can so easily obtain favors from the Japanese officials, while, not unfrequently, the missionary’s advice is sought by their business-men. Mr. Davis has also seen results in the interest he found awaiting him in Sanda, a town about twenty miles distant, among the mountains. It was the former home of an *ex-daimio*, who with some of his attendants are now living in Kobe, and are interested in the Bible. Mr. Davis remained two weeks in Sanda with his family; but, not being permitted as a foreigner to spend the winter there, he goes up every Saturday, returning on Monday, without opposition.

“Last sabbath he had an audience of twenty, and

among them a young man, who came to him privately afterward, to tell him he had heard enough about the new way to make him wish to follow it. He wanted to know if it would be wrong for him to burn incense in the temple before a tablet of his father, or to put flowers or food before it on the anniversary of his death. Mr. Davis explained to him that it would be wrong to worship his father, which is the meaning of the Japanese custom; while it would be quite right to remember him. He seemed to understand his first lesson in following Him who said, 'Deny thyself.'

"We had much hope from the return of the embassy; but as yet they have effected nothing. The result of their observations cannot be entirely lost on the country, however; and we must not be impatient that this nation, but just awakened from its Rip Van Winkle sleep, does not at once stand beside the civilized nations of the earth. Dr. Brown of Yokohama, who spent a day with us recently, said that his teacher had seen a copy of the document sent to the governors of the towns of the empire, — how extensively I do not know, — telling them not to be afraid of this religion of the Bible; that it was not a dangerous thing. The missionaries have felt sure for some time that Christians would not be persecuted by the government; but the Japanese are evidently afraid of it. It makes us rejoice all the more in those who fearlessly express their interest in the truth; and, when they publicly declare themselves Christians, we shall consider it no light matter with them. We are looking forward to this now very hopefully. I am quite sure my teacher is a Christian, believing, as he says, as far as he knows; and there are four or five more, who, if not in the kingdom, are near it. When we consider the very short time that the missionaries have been here, we feel that God has been very gracious."

Our Work at Home.

FAREWELL MEETING.

As many as could be crowded into the committee-room of the A. B. C. F. M. came together on the morning of Jan. 27, for a farewell service held by the Woman's Board in behalf of two young ladies, Miss Sears and Miss Pierce, who were soon to take their departure, — the former to Mardin, in place of Miss Baker; the latter to the female seminary at Aintab.

The president, being in the chair, read from Matt. xii., "Behold my mother and my brethren; for whosoever shall do the will of my Father, the same is my brother and sister and mother," showing that Christ took the opportunity to exalt the Christian tie above that of kindred. The tender relationship he declared to subsist between himself and those who do his Father's will was dwelt upon as specially encouraging on such an occasion as this; and it was remarked, in closing, "Let the keynote of the meeting be, Jesus the Elder Brother, — your brother, my brother, our brother."

The thought was continued in the hymn which was sung; after which Mrs. Wright led in prayer. Mrs. Bowker referred to the farewell services held in August; when five young ladies were present who have since gone out under the care of the Woman's Boards. Intelligence of the safe arrival of all of them had been received. Mrs. Tomson had received a delightful welcome at Constantinople, and already derives much enjoyment from her work.

A few words were spoken by Miss Sears, expressive of self-diffidence, but of love for the work, which she had felt from childhood. Mrs. Gulliver, her former teacher, remarked that one who had been so faithful to duty and to Christ, as she had been in Holyoke, would surely not fail in the mission-field. Mrs. Gulliver alluded to Miss Parmelee, one of our earliest missionaries, with whom Miss Sears is to be associated, as a teacher on whom she had always rested, and from whom Miss Sears would receive a warm welcome. "But," said Mrs. Gulliver, "should earthly friends fail her, she will find the ONE ever near."

Several returned missionaries being present, they were invited to give their younger sisters the benefit of their experience; in response to which Mrs. CAPRON from India remarked, that what she would say to the missionaries could be summed up in these words, "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you." That means the sweet flowing of heart to Christ as a personal friend. The most we want of a friend is faithfulness; and he is faithful to fulfil his promise: as surely as we are at work, just so surely comes the result, in the measure that we abide in him. She envied these young ladies the sweet surprises, which, under the same loving care, would come to them all along their way. Mrs. WARD, who had been in Aintab a short time as associate teacher, said that Miss Pierce would be surprised at the cordial greetings she would receive from the natives as well as the teachers, and she could not fail to enjoy it. She was met on her arrival by many of them, each of whom presented a flower, or sprig of green, in token of welcome. Miss WOOD, from Antioch, alluded to Mrs. Capron's text as being the one her pastor gave to her on her departure, and testified that Christ had proved himself true to his promise. She spoke of her own warm reception,

and the affection shown both by the natives and missionary sisters : every mail, too, brought a beautiful note of welcome from all the missions. Among such a band of brothers and sisters, so united among themselves and to the work, they can but prosper. There may be discouragements ; but bright days will come. "Go," said Miss Wood, "and the Lord will bless you, and you will receive more than you relinquish." Miss CLOSSON of Cæsarea spoke of the encouragement derived from the words of comfort and cheer which she had received in her field from the Woman's Board. Going out before the existence of the Board, she had early been adopted by them, but had never comprehended the privilege till she had learned it by personal fellowship and sympathy since her return. Mrs. WINSLOW said she found missionary ground nearer heaven than any other place. It was delightful to be in such an atmosphere of love. They also received wonderful answers to prayer, the simplest request being heard ; for, although they were often disappointed, the seed came up. Only one thing was lacking while she was in India, — there was no "Woman's Board."

Mrs. Anderson then gave, by request, the fellowship of the Board as follows :—

"The word adopted is a fitting one for the Woman's Board. When the Prudential Committee propose a young lady as candidate for a missionary, we become interested in her, — in her early history, her characteristics, her health, her education. If we adopt her as ours, as soon as the vote is passed, and her name is enrolled, she comes into the family : she is ours, and is adopted into our hearts. We are interested in her outfit, her leaving home ; and our thoughts follow her across the ocean, as she enters upon her work, and all along in her trials and successes. We do not forget to pray for her whenever we meet here in this

room, as we do twice in a month for business. We say business; but those meetings are to us a means of grace. We feel that our business is connected with the interests of the kingdom of Christ. It is comforting to think of Christ as an Elder Brother, and of his experience with all the details of earthly life. With all his elevation, refinement, and sensitiveness, he came to earth, and lived with very much the same Oriental people as those to whom you are going; and, when you find things uncongenial and repulsive, you may think that the Saviour understands it all. Any thing that is of consequence enough to trouble you may be committed to him in prayer.

"Our hearts will go forth with you to your work. Write us often of your wants, your trials, your joys. Again let me assure you of our sympathy and of our prayers, and that you are adopted into our hearts."

A consecrating prayer was offered by Mrs. Gulliver, when the hymn, "Ye Christian heralds, go proclaim," &c., was sung, which, with the Doxology, closed the meeting.

MRS. J. A. COPP, *Rec. Sec.*

WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

RECEIPTS FROM JAN. 18 TO FEB. 18.

MRS. BENJAMIN E. BATES, TREASURER.

MAINE.	NEW HAMPSHIRE.
<i>Maine Branch.</i> — Miss Ellen M. Dana, Tr.; Falmouth, Aux., \$10; South Freeport, "Snow-Birds," \$10, \$20 00 <i>Cumberland Centre.</i> — Miss Mary S. Rideout, 2 00 <i>East Machias.</i> — Mrs. S. F. Bates, 1 00 <i>North Yarmouth.</i> — Mrs. Sweetser, .50; Miss M. Holt, \$1, 1 50 <i>Waterford.</i> — Rev. J. A. Douglass, 2 00 Total, \$26 50	<i>New Hampshire Branch.</i> — Miss Abby McIntire, Treas.; Plaistow, Mrs. Dr. Kelley, \$10; Exeter, Aux., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Charles S. Barrows, Cæsarea, Turkey, \$23.31; infant class, .50 \$38 81 <i>Bedford.</i> — Ladies of Pres. Ch., to const. L. M. Mrs. John H. McAfee, 25 00 <i>Exeter.</i> — Miss Cora L. Kent, for "Virginia," Asst. Teacher, Mana Madura, 30 00 <i>Manchester.</i> — Deacon Daniel

Maek, to const. L. M. Mrs. Edward G. Selden, \$25; Mrs. Dunlap's S. S. Class, \$5.25,	\$30 25
Raymond. — Aux., Mrs. C. A. Shepard, Treas., balance for 1873,	1 50
Temple. — Cong'l Ch. and Society,	6 20
Windham. — A gold ring,	1 00
Total,	\$132 76

VERMONT.

Vermont Branch. — Mrs. Geo. H. Fox, Treas.; Springfield, Aux., Mrs. H. J. Cobb, Tr. \$10; Georgia, Aux., \$16.25; Brattleboro', Aux., \$20.00; Wallingford, Aux., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. John Miller, Miss Lucretia Kelley, \$59,	\$105 25
Benson. — Miss Juliette Kent,	2 00
Castleton. — Cong. S. S. toward support of pupil at Marsovan,	35 17
Fairlee. — A Friend,	50
Grafton. — Friends,	5 50
Hartford. — "H."	15 00
Plymouth. — Mrs. Abigail Baldwin,	4 00
St. Johnsbury. — So. Cong'l Ch.,	16 80
Total,	\$184 22

C. Home Building-Fund.

Vermont Branch. — Miss J. Gibson Johnson of Rutland, \$10; Four Ladies, \$1 each, \$4; St. Alban's, Mrs. Gyles Merrill's S. S. Class, \$30.00,	\$44 00
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MASSACHUSETTS.

Andover. — Aux., Mrs. E. C. Pearson, Treas., \$56 50; Mrs. William Abbott, \$2,	\$58 50
Ayer. — Aux., Mrs. J. C. Tenney, Treas.,	10 00
Bedford. — Aux., to const. L. M. Mrs. Sarah Webber,	25 00
Beverly. — Dane-St. Ch. Aux., Miss Sarah W. Clark, Treas., to const. L. M.'s Mrs. Adeline Norwood, Mrs. Rebecca L. Dodge, Miss Sarah D. Cleaves, \$75; A Friend, to const. L. M. Miss Sarah A. Glidden, \$25; Centreville Mission-Circle, toward support of pupil in Harpoot, \$30,	130 00
Boston. — Mrs. H. J. Haberstroth, \$1; Mrs. L. C. Wetherbee, \$5; A Friend, .88; E. A. Nickerson, \$2; Mrs. T. N. Fiske, \$10; Mt. Vernon Ch., Miss M. E. Beck, \$1; Mrs. Jas.	

W. Kimball, \$25; Old So. Ch. Mrs. Alpheus Hardy, of which \$50 to const. L. M.'s Mrs. A. K. Teele, Milton, Mrs. Mary Anne Clifford, Webster, N. H., \$100; Mrs. M. J. Simonds, to const. herself L. M., \$25; Mrs. Mary H. Baldwin, \$5; Central Ch., "Little Sunbeams," \$4; Berkeley-st. Ch. Mrs. K. Smith, \$5; Ladies' Monthly Collection, \$12; Family Miss. Concert, \$10; Mrs. Willett, Mrs. Lewis, \$1 each, \$2,	\$207 88
Boston, South. — Aux., Mrs. Jeremy Drake, Treas., Mrs. Alvan Simonds, to const. L. M. Mrs. Adeline G. Heald, Belmont, \$25; Miss Mary E. Simonds, to const. L. M. Mrs. Mary S. Hinekey, Chelsea, Vt., \$25,	50 00
Boston Highlands. — A Friend, \$1.38; Walnut-ave. Ch. Aux., Mrs. A. W. Tufts, Treas., Mrs. C. O. Tufts, \$5; Mrs. Davenport, \$10; Mrs. A. W. Tufts, \$5; Fourteen Ladies, \$1 each, \$14; Vine-st. Ch. S. S. towards support of pupil in Harpoot, \$24,	59 38
Brookline. — S. A. & E. H. C.,	50 00
Brookfield. — Cong'l Ch.,	5 00
Cambridgeport. — "Wilyuh Workers,"	9 49
Charlestown. — Winthrop Ch., Mrs. B. W. Gage, \$1; Miss S. S. Tafts, \$1,	2 00
Chelsea. — Mrs. S. N. Tenney, Mrs. L. B. Tenney, \$1 each,	2 00
Chicopee. — Five Friends, 50 each,	2 50
Clinton. — Aux. Miss H. M. Haskell, Treas.,	49 46
Concord. — S. S. Miss'y Asso. for pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch. Ahmednuggur,	30 00
East Hampton. — Aux., Mrs. A. M. Colton, Treas., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Samuel Williston,	37 25
Falmouth. — "Seaside Gleaners," S. H. Taylor, Treas., of which \$50 towards pupil in Const. Home; \$40 for Bible-reader in Caesarea, \$40 for pupil in Harpoot,	150 00
Frammingham. — Plymouth Infant S. S.,	7 00
Franklin. — A Friend,	50
Groveland. — Mrs. Laura S. Atwood,	1 00
Hanover. — A Friend,	50
Harwich. — Tamesin Brooks, \$1; Mrs. Levi Long, \$5,	6 00

<i>Hopkinton.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. E. Plympton, Treas., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Mrs. Lee Clafin,	\$38 00
<i>Lee.</i> — "Young Ladies' Mission-Circle," add'l for support of pupil in Miss Payson's school, Foochow,	5 00
<i>Leominster.</i> — "Earnest Workers,"	5 75
<i>Lexington.</i> — "Hancock Sewing-Circle," Aux., Miss Fannie E. Baker, Treas., of which \$30 for the support of pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., Ceylon,	50 00
<i>Lynn.</i> — Mrs. Wm. F. Hill,	1 00
<i>Malden.</i> — Aux., Miss Martha Sylvester, Treas., for "Marta" Bible-reader, Turkey,	40 00
<i>Melrose.</i> — Aux., for native teacher under Miss Closson in Talas,	65 00
<i>Middleboro'.</i> — Aux.,	3 00
<i>Middletown.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. M. Merriam, Treas., of which \$25 to const. L. M. Miss Sarah A. Phelps,	23 32
<i>New Bedford.</i> — "Union Workers," towards Miss Parmelee's salary,	40 00
<i>Northbridge.</i> — Mrs. William D. Mascroft,	5 00
<i>Paxton.</i> — Aux.,	27 00
<i>Roxbury, West.</i> — Aux., Mrs. R. B. Smith, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Salem.</i> — "Willing Helpers," Tabernacle Ch., Miss Mary A. Perkins, Treas., for pupil in Mrs. Edwards's school,	30 00
<i>Salisbury.</i> — Miss Annah E. Colby,	7 00
<i>Saugus Centre.</i> — Cong'l S. S., Weekly Coll. of two classes, \$7.50; A Friend, \$7, by Mrs. Tenney,	14 50
<i>Springfield.</i> — Miss H. H. Cooley, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
<i>W. Hampton.</i> — A Few Ladies,	8 00
<i>Weymouth.</i> — Mrs. J. W. Loud's S. S. Class,	5 00
<i>Weymouth and Braintree.</i> — Aux.,	25 00
<i>Williamsburg.</i> — Aux., Mrs. W. E. Bardwell, Treas., for pupil in Miss Townshend's sch.,	30 00
<i>Winchendon.</i> — No. Cong'l Ch. S. S., to const. L. M. Miss Emmor L. Parks,	25 00
<i>Woburn.</i> — Aux., Mrs. Adkins, Treas., \$3 75; "Woburn Workers," towards pupil in Miss Townshend's sch., Ceylon, \$20,	23 75

Total, \$1,404 78

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Boston.</i> — Central Ch., Mrs. Wm. Houghton, for dormitory in the Home, \$150; Union Ch. Mrs. J. T. Bailey, for room in Home, \$100,	\$250 00
<i>Boston Highlands.</i> — Highland Ch., Mrs. Howell's Bible Cl., \$4.25; Miss Folsom's S. S. Cl., \$2,	6 25
<i>Ipswich.</i> — "U. V. W."	1 00
<i>Wutertown.</i> — Aux., C. A. Green, Treas.,	29 00

RHODE ISLAND.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> — Miss Anna T. White, Treas., East Providence, Aux., \$7; North Scituate, Aux., Miss Maria L. Harris, Treas., \$6; "Little Wilkinsons," Anna Reed Wilkinson, Treas., \$10; Pawtucket, "Penny-Gleaners," M. A. Richardson, Tr., \$6; "Cheerful Helpers," Maggie Clapp, Treas., for pupil in Mrs. Bissell's sch., \$30; Central Falls, Aux., S. Tracy, Treas., of which \$25 by Mrs. Jos. Wood, to const. L. M. Mrs. James H. Lyon, \$80; Central Ch. Aux., Prov. Mrs. A. D. Lockwood, Mrs. J. W. Danielson, Miss Lockwood, to const. L. M. Mrs. Anne D. Barker, Calais, Me., \$25; "Little Sunbeams," Susie Flagg, Treas., \$5; Coventry, Mrs. Oren Spencer, \$3; Gloucester, Aux., Miss Ruth Irons, Treas., \$10; Elmwood, Aux., Miss Taylor, Treas., \$2,	184 00
<i>Newport.</i> — Aux., towards salary of Miss Payson, \$265.89; S. S. for the same object, \$195.11,	461 00
Total,	\$645 00

C. Home Building-Fund.

<i>Rhode Island Branch.</i> — Providence, Beneficent Foreign Mission Circle, Anna Mason, Tr., proceeds of fair, of which \$400 to furnish parlor and bath-room in the Home, \$425.60; Peacedale S. S., \$5.20,	\$430 80
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CONNECTICUT.

<i>Cromwell.</i> — Miss M. G. Savage's Bible Class,	\$5 07
<i>Hartford.</i> — Aux., Mrs. J. W. Jewell, Treas., Park Ch., \$23; Windsor-ave., \$4.50; Pearl-	

st. Ch. \$1; South Ch. S. S., for pupil in Miss Townshend's class, \$30,	\$58 05
<i>Higgenum</i> . — Mr. S. Hine, to const. L. M. Miss Clara Stone Hine,	25 00
<i>Middletown</i> . — Aux., Mrs. Mary B. Hazen, Treas., of which \$15 from Mrs. E. H. Goodrich, to const. L. M., Mrs. Milly Norton, Syracuse, N. Y.,	32 00
<i>Norwich</i> . — Aux., 2d Cong'l Ch., Mrs. Charles Lee,	4 50
<i>New London</i> . — Ladies of 1st Cong'l Church,	144 25
<i>Putnam</i> . — Aux.,	19 51
<i>Somers</i> . — S. S. "Willing Workers for Jesus,"	3 00
<i>West Hartford</i> . — Mrs. Charles Boswell, to const. herself L. M.,	25 00
<i>Wapping</i> . — Aux.,	10 00
<i>Wolcotville</i> . — Aux., Mrs. G. H. Welch, Treas.,	20 00
Total,	\$346 38

NEW YORK.

<i>Elmira</i> . — Elmira College, Young Ladies' Christian Asso. for pupil in Harpoot,	\$40 00
<i>Flushing, L. I.</i> — Aux., Miss P. G. Quimby, Treas., for pupil in Miss Payson's school,	40 00
<i>Franklin</i> . — Cong'l S. S. towards Bible-reader in Harpoot,	15 00
<i>New York City</i> . — "Cheerful Workers," for support of Hindu girls' sch., Madura,	138 00
<i>North Walton</i> . — Woman's Mis. Society,	13 00
Total,	\$246 00

NEW JERSEY.

<i>Morristown</i> . — Rebecca Kerr,	\$5 00
<i>Newark</i> . — A Friend,	50
<i>Vineland</i> . — M. A. Tomlinson,	1 00
Total,	\$6 50

PENNSYLVANIA.

<i>Philadelphia Branch</i> . — Mrs. W. E. C. Wright, Treas., Phil. An. Memberships, \$4; "Carrier-Doves," for Agayne, at Const. \$16; "Golden Links," for Miss Gouldy at Japan, \$61.20; Plymouth S. S., \$5.15;	
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Jersey City, Aux., \$21.50; Montclair Col. at Meeting, \$50; Mrs Samuel Holmes, to const. L. M. Miss J. A. Hemingway, \$25; Mrs. S. Wilde, to const. L. M. Mrs. Dr. Butterfield, \$25; Mrs. Sweet, to const. L. M. Miss Sarah T. Van Lennop, \$25; "W. M. S.," \$31; East Orange, Aux., \$25; Paterson, Aux., \$8; "Mountain Crystals," \$7 50; Washington, Aux., \$20 60; Orange, Aux., \$20 55; "Orange-Buds for Rebecca," \$9.50; "Montclair Blossoms," for Miss Gouldy at Japan, \$256.95,	\$611 95
Total,	\$611 95

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

<i>Washington</i> . — "M. B. F."	\$2 00
Total,	\$2 00

OHIO.

<i>Randolph</i> . — A Friend,	50
Total,	50

MICHIGAN.

<i>Northville</i> . — A Friend,	50
Total,	50

WISCONSIN.

<i>Princeton</i> . — Mrs. C. D. Richards,	\$1 00
<i>Shopiere</i> . — Rev. H. P. Case,	1 50
Total,	\$2 50

KANSAS.

<i>Burlington</i> . — Mrs. E. M. Knapp,	\$1 00
Total	\$1 00

Donations,	\$3,610 59
C. Home Building-Fund,	761 05
"Life and Light,"	1,172 50
"Echoes,"	152 50
Interest on Baldwin Fund,	120 00
Weekly Pledge,	10 21
Total,	\$5,826 85

MISS EMMA CARRUTH, *Ass't. Treas.*

Department of the Interior.

TURKEY.

EXTRACTS FROM MISS SHATTUCK'S LETTER.

AINTAB, Dec. 13, 1873.

MY DEAR FRIEND,—I have hardly been here four weeks yet (arrived Nov. 18), though I sailed Aug. 27. My journey was a very pleasant one; for I found my travelling-companions of the missionary party more like old friends than entire strangers, and all others very kind and thoughtful in regard to my comfort and happiness. I had no opportunity to feel the loneliness I feared. I can truly say the peace which I felt so sweetly during the weeks of preparation for the journey, and at the trying hour of departure, has, thus far, been abiding.

We enjoyed delightful scenery along the coast of Ireland and the River Clyde, before landing in Glasgow. We spent one day in Edinburgh, thoroughly enjoying the city, both for its present beauty and historic associations. Several days were spent in London. I had the privilege, among other things, of hearing Mr. Spurgeon, and attending the communion-service at his church. It was all *very precious*. After spending the sabbath in Paris, and one day besides for a glimpse at the city, we hastened on to take our steamer at Trieste, going by way of the Mont Cenis Tunnel, Turin, Milan, and Venice,—a very interesting route, though we made no stop for sight-seeing, save one day in Venice. Such a strange city, with its water-streets, and gondola omnibuses!

We had the misfortune to be quarantined five days at the Dardanelles, which was quite a trial to us, as we felt the need of hastening. But we were in comfortable quarters aboard "The Hungaria," with plenty of room, as we three were the only cabin passengers.

I was three days in Constantinople with missionary friends, and had an opportunity of visiting the Home, attending my first prayer-meeting among the natives, and seeing Robert College from the Bosphorus. I bade my missionary friends all good-by, and started again among strangers for Latakia, but found very agreeable companions in two ladies who had started for a tour through Palestine and Egypt. We had a fine view of Patmos, which seemed a fit place indeed for the vision seen there, so isolated is it. We touched at Rhodes and at the ancient port of Tarsus, spent a day in each of the ports Smyrna and Alexandretta; and I landed at last in Latakia, bidding farewell to the sea for many years, I hope.

Dr. Nutting, from Kessab, met me on board the steamer; and after spending two or three days there with missionary friends, who gave me a most hearty welcome, we started on the inland journey. We were but one day and a half making the first forty miles. We stopped for the night at a little *khan*, which I need not describe. One must really sleep in one, or make the attempt, in order to get a full understanding of them.

I remained at Kessab two and a half weeks, hoping Miss Powers, the other assistant in the school, would be able to come here with me; but she was too weak, for she has had a long and severe illness this autumn. We were just one week on our way from Kessab here. Dear Miss Proctor left, three days after my arrival, for America. I am almost useless, of course, until I get my tongue, and Miss Powers not here. There was no other way to do than to suspend,

the seminary proper for a time. There are thirteen girls in the family, attending the schools of a lower grade, under native teachers, preparing to enter the seminary when it shall open. I have visited several of the schools of which Miss Proctor had the supervision, with my teacher, Varteni Mariam, seeing all there was to be seen, and hearing or understanding all I could. I am busy with the language and anxious to be at work as soon as possible.

I am boarding with Mrs. Marden these first few weeks till Miss Powers comes; when we shall keep house at the rooms of the school establishment. I go to the city every day to study, and to see the girls, and have them feel that I have an interest in them. They help me all they can. It will, of course, be slow work with me, the getting of Turkish; but I do feel that my Father is helping me in the *littles* as well as in the great matters. Do not cease to remember me in your prayers. We are so short of men! — only five for a field larger than all New England; and one of these is here for the winter only. Another, Dr. Nutting, is too feeble to be much depended upon.

"THEY SHALL PERSECUTE YOU."

• THE following account of a visit to one of the Bulgarian villages was written by Elenka Hadji Evanora, assistant teacher in the girls' school at Samokov, European Turkey: —

"We started the 15th of July, and arrived at Panegurishty the 16th, at ten o'clock, P.M. Our friends were glad to receive us, and I found a comfortable room all ready for me. The people in that village are opposing the truth very much; but the Lord has little ones, and has given them grace to stand and endure all for his sake cheerfully. As soon as they heard we were there, the priests in every church anathematized us, and commanded the people not

to go near us ; for they said, ' They have come to deceive you.' The poor people were frightened, and did not dare to come for some days ; but they could not stay away long, they were so curious to see us, and hear what we talked about. Some of them wished to tell us that we were deceiving ourselves.

"Our singing attracted their attention very much : so, when we went to the houses of our friends, we sang very many hymns ; and sometimes a good many would come and listen. They used to say, ' It sounds so sweet, we wish to come and hear you sing.' After hearing us sing about Jesus, they used to say, ' How is this that the priests tell us about them ? They say the Protestants do not love God ; but they do not talk of any thing else but Christ, and God's love to us : then, too, they sing such holy hymns !'

"One young man, an only son, loved to hear us sing, but did not dare to come into the house at first. He would stand under the window, and listen. At last he came into the yard. Then some boys ran and told his mother that ' her child was *with the Protestants*.' Oh ! how she rushed in, and besought him to go home ! She cried because he would not hasten away from the cursed people. He told her he had not come to hear any thing bad, but to learn something about his soul, and that we sang so beautifully, he could not stay away. The next day he came again.

"After singing, we could talk with those present ; and hardly a day passed that some did not come to see us and learn about the great salvation. It seemed very strange to hear that *only* Jesus can save sinners. When I asked the women, ' How do you think you can be saved ?' they replied, ' If we pray to the saints to intercede for us, fast, and make the sign of the cross, we shall be saved.'

"I staid five weeks, and was very glad that I was able to tell them about the Saviour I have found so precious.

Oh, how different my condition is from theirs! and only the truth of the gospel has made it so. There has been much persecution there; and, when any one goes to labor there, it is worse. The first sabbath when we went to meeting, it seemed as if every boy and girl in the village had been told that the hated Protestants had come. As soon as we went out of the gate, the street was filled with boys, girls, and women, — about two hundred, I should think. Some went ahead of us; while others followed behind, screaming at the top of their voices, throwing stones, sand, and every thing they could get hold of. This was very trying; but we remembered Him for whom we were suffering."

SOUTH AFRICA.

LETTER FROM MISS LAURA A. DAY.

UMTVALUMI, Nov. 21, 1873.

MY DEAR MRS. LEAKE, — Your kind letter has been too long unanswered, but I trust not too long to secure another; for I should not like to feel that communication with my Chicago friends was at an end. Though I saw the faces of few of the dear ladies who so generously assisted me in my preparations to come to this land, I saw their kind hearts in their liberal gifts, and shall never cease to be grateful to you all. I appreciate more and more what I received. I must necessarily have been obliged to make underclothing before this time, but for the supply from Chicago, which relieves me of this work, and gives me more time for the people, and more time to read and write. The time for writing and reading is limited. A little rest after dinner enables me to do my afternoon teaching more satisfactorily. I often think, when I sit

down to read for a little while, of the stitches I must needs be taking, but for the help of your society.

. . . The last term of the school at Amanzimtote closed Nov. 4. During the last term, — July to November, — I have had charge of the boys' boarding-establishment, and have eaten in the room with the boys, to teach them some proprieties at table. This was no light task; yet I had the satisfaction of seeing a little improvement. Their tendency was, if any thing was wrong about the food, to settle the difficulty then and there, by loud words, and blows with fork, knife, spoon, or any thing that chanced to be at hand. Restraint in this, they have found that they must exercise. Not to scatter food on floor and table, and not to leave the table till all had finished, were hard for them to learn at first. Leaving their dishes unwashed, and the food scattered about the room, from one meal to another, has heretofore been a great nuisance. I had the satisfaction of seeing the dishes washed, and the dining-room neatly swept, three times a day, and this done very willingly, after a little time. I hoped to exercise a much greater influence in taming them and helping to make them good boys. Oh that we might see a general turning to the Lord! unmistakable evidence of a genuine change of heart. Do pray for us, that we may see these dear boys coming to Christ.

Nov. 5, I left Amanzimtote for Umtwalumi, — fifty miles; spent the night at the house of an English sugar-planter, reaching Mr. Wilder's at five, P.M. I am very happy here, and find pleasant employment teaching the school-children songs and hymns; and the people who find time to come together at the chapel are learning some new tunes. The girls who assist in Mrs. Wilder's and Mrs. Pinkerton's kitchens are learning some new English songs from a new Sunday-school singing-book which Mrs.

Pinkerton has lately received. Two days this week, I have been to a little school four miles from the station. There were fifteen scholars, all children of one man who has four wives. He cultivates coffee, is anxious his children should be educated, has built a schoolhouse, and offers to pay half the teacher's salary.

Mr. Wilder is doing a good work for the people in setting them the example of cultivating the sugar-cane. He has received a sugar-mill from America, and is making nice sugar from cane raised by a native. This is encouraging many to take hold of the work here and at other stations, which must prove a blessing to them; for here, as in other places, "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." I hope this new industry will help the people to live better Christian lives.

RECEIPTS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR THE INTERIOR.

FROM JAN. 15 TO FEB. 15, 1874.

MRS. FRANCIS BRADLEY, TREASURER.

OHIO.			
<i>Akron.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Sarah W. Ashmun, Treas.,	\$10 00	constitutes Mrs. John Gilbert a L. M.), Alcen Hurd, Treas.,	\$42 65
<i>Cleveland Heights.</i> —Aux., for the school at Marash, Mrs. Fannie Lamson, Treas.,	25 00	<i>Michigan City.</i> —Aux., Mrs. H. M. Kent, Treas.,	26 84
<i>Edinburg.</i> —Aux., Mrs. B. E. Bingham, Treas.,	14 00	Total,	\$69 49
<i>Elyria.</i> —Aux. for salary of Miss Maltbie, Mrs. G. H. Ely, Treas.,	60 00	MICHIGAN.	
<i>Oberlin.</i> —Aux., for salary of Mrs. Mumford, and to const. Mrs. T. C. Jones a L. M.,	25 00	<i>Armada.</i> —Aux., Mrs. E. Doblaere, Treas.,	\$10 00
<i>Tallmadge.</i> —Aux., Mrs. Mary C. Ashmun, Treas.,	15 44	<i>Charlotte.</i> —Aux., to constitute Mrs. M. T. Williams a L. M., Mrs. A. C. Lacey, Treas.,	25 39
Total,	\$149 44	<i>Detroit.</i> —Aux., to complete the salary of Mrs. Coffing for the year 1873; \$25 from Mrs. Warner, to const. Miss Mattie Warner a L. M.; Mrs. Lizzie S. Henderson and Mrs. Charlotte T. Curtiss are constituted life-members by the 2d Cong. Ch. Miss. Soc.,	120 30
INDIANA.		<i>Grand Rapids.</i> —Aux., to com-	
<i>Fort Wayne.</i> —Aux. (of which \$25, from Miss Martha Hough,			

plete the salary of their Bible-reader in Nicomedia, for 1873, Mrs. J. B. Willson, Sec.,	\$17 48
<i>Jackson</i> .—Aux., for salary of Marienè of Harpoot (of this sum, \$25 from Mrs. W. M. Bennett constitutes Mrs. H. H. Bingham a L. M.; the remainder constitutes Mrs. G. M. Cady and Mrs. D. W. Taylor life-members), Mrs. Geo. H. Lathrop, Treas.,	75 00
<i>Kalamo</i> .—Aux., by Mrs. W. Aekley,	2 41
<i>St. Johns</i> .—"Praying Helpers," by Mrs. L. F. Bickford, for school at Manissa,	3 30
Total,	\$253 88

ILLINOIS.

<i>Chicago</i> .—47th-St. Ch., Aux., for the Bridgman School, \$33.80; New England Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Chapin, 68.14; Plymouth Ch., Aux., \$30.90; Union Park Ch., Aux., for salary of Miss Rendall, Mrs. R. E. Jenkins, Treas., \$100,	\$232 84
<i>Evanston</i> .—"Little Towel-Hemmers," for the support of a pupil in the Bridgman School, by Mrs. A. Wood,	8 52
<i>Elgin</i> .—Aux., for salary of Miss Dudley of Japan, Mrs. G. P. Lord, Treas.,	36 51
<i>Geneva</i> .—Aux., Mrs. Alice E. Coe, Treas.,	8 60
<i>Glencoe</i> .—Aux., Mrs. T. J. Lockwood, Treas.,	15 50
<i>Granville</i> .—Aux., Mrs. Larena K. Warren, Treas.,	13 00
<i>La Salle</i> .—Aux., Mrs. E. B. Treat, Treas.,	4 00
<i>Payson</i> .—Aux., Mrs. Ellen Thompson, Treas.,	4 00
<i>Peru</i> .—Aux., Mrs. E. M. Brewster, Treas.,	7 52
<i>Peoria</i> .—Aux., Mrs. A. M. Hansel, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Rockford</i> .—2d Ch., Aux., of which \$25 is from Mrs. G. A. Sanford to const. Mrs. F. P. Woodbury a L. M., Mrs. W. A. Talcott, Treas.,	34 29
<i>Springfield</i> .—Aux., for salary of Miss Evans, Mrs. C. M. Salter, Treas.,	50 00
<i>Waukegan</i> .—Aux., Mrs. H. E. Partridge, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Wheaton</i> .—Aux., \$14.16; "Busy Bees," \$2.47,	16 63
Total,	\$446 41

EVANSTON, Feb. 14, 1874.

WISCONSIN.

<i>Delavan</i> .—Aux., Mrs. J. Collie, Treas.,	\$14 23
<i>Deperè</i> .—Aux., Mrs. H. J. Wheeler, Treas.,	10 00
<i>Ripon</i> .—Aux., Mrs. M. M. Cook, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Kenosha</i> .—Aux., to be applied to the Zulu Mission, \$25 of which const. Mrs. Hannah Fluskey a L. M., Mrs. H. O. Durkee, Sec.,	30 00
Total,	\$79 23

IOWA.

<i>Bowen's Prairie</i> .—Aux., Miss M. J. Smith, Treas.,	\$2 00
<i>Chester</i> .—Aux., for salary of Miss Maltbie, and to complete the life-membership of Mrs. Harrison Wheelock, Mrs Geo. H. White, Treas.,	18 00
<i>Davenport</i> .—Aux., Mrs. M. A. Smith, Treas.,	22 10
<i>Fairfield</i> .—Aux., Mrs. D. Webster, Treas.,	10 25
<i>Grinnell</i> .—Aux., \$23.75; Cong. Ch. Miss. Soc., \$26.25,—for Miss Hillis's salary, Mrs. C. L. Schuyler, Treas.,	53 00
<i>Green Mt.</i> .—Aux., \$9, Mrs. N. Chasc, Treas.; "The Helpers," \$10 75, Miss Nettie Brock, Treas.,	19 75
<i>Grinnell</i> .—"Mite-Gatherers," for Miss Hillis's salary, Miss C. H. Grinnell, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Marion</i> .—Aux., Mrs. B. H. Nott, Treas.,	30 80
<i>Muscatine</i> .—Aux., to const. Mrs. Hattie A. Budin a L. M., Miss Emma Olds, Treas.,	25 00
<i>Osage</i> .—Aux., Mrs. T. O. Douglass, Treas.,	3 80
<i>Ogden</i> .—Aux., Mrs. A. W. Palmer, Treas.,	15 00
<i>Waucoma</i> .—Aux., Mrs. Joseph Hurlbut, Treas.,	12 00
Total,	\$216 70

MINNESOTA.

<i>Lake Preston</i> .—Aux., Wells Kcllogg, Treas.,	5 00
<i>Plainview</i> .—Woman's Cent. Soc., Mrs. J. Baldwin, Treas.,	6 00
Total,	\$11 00

NEBRASKA.

<i>Ashland</i> .—"Little Workers," by Mrs. M. A. Farwell,	20 15
Total,	\$1,246 30

ECHOES
FROM
LIFE AND LIGHT.

APRIL.

PUBLISHED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

1874.

THE PARSEES.



IN the following page is a picture of a Parsee woman and her child. Her ancestors lived in Persia at one time, but were driven from their country by the persecution of the Mohammedans. I presume this woman lives in Bombay, where there are thousands of Parsees. You would call her a heathen, I think; but, if you should ask her if she worshipped idols, she would say, No, indeed! that she thought it very foolish

to bow down to wood and stone. Her special God is the fire; but she also worships the sun, moon, earth, water, and winds. She has no temple nor church to go to; but when she wants to atone for any wrong she has done, or to show her devotion, she takes an animal, and asks one of the Magi, or priests, — the same sort of men as those who visited the Saviour in the manger, — to go with her to the top of a high mountain, where the service is performed.

The Parsee Bible is called the Zend-Avesta. In it we learn that Oromasdes, the author of all good, sprang from



light, and Areimanios, the author of evil, sprang from darkness; that Oromasdes created six gods, who are now the archangels, and then Areimanios created as many more to oppose them; that Oromasdes afterward created twenty-four gods, and put them in an egg, and immediately Areimanios called into being as many more, who broke the egg; and so we find good and evil constantly mingling in the world. By and by, however, Areimanios will perish from the pestilence and famine brought into the world by himself; evil will disappear from the earth; and happiness will reign.

In another part of the Zend-Avesta the Parsees announce their gods as follows: "I worship Hermazd, the pure master of purity. I worship Zoroaster, the pure master of purity. I worship all the long existences. I worship all the pure celestial and terrestrial angels. I worship all the fountains of water, both flowing and stationary. I worship all the trees and the trunks and lofty branches and fruits. I worship the whole earth. I worship the whole heaven. I worship all the stars, the moon, and the sun. I worship the primeval lights. I worship all the animals, both aquatic and terrene. I worship all the mountains, the purely pleasurable. I worship all the fires."

Poor Parsees! How uncomfortable they must be to see a god in every animal they despise, in the fishes in the sea, in the very fruit they eat, and in the water they drink! I don't think the children in America are half glad enough that they have such a holy religion. Thank God for it every day of your life, little reader, and be sure to follow its pure and beautiful precepts.

"Why not tell them of the Saviour
Who was nailed upon the tree,
That by tasting death for sinners
They might be from death set free."

TWO STORIES.

“AND they brought young children to him, that he should touch them; and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But, when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the



kingdom of God. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.” So runs “the sweet story of old;” but you have heard it so often, dear children, I am afraid you don’t stop to think how very sweet it is.

Listen to another story, — just as old, perhaps, but, oh, so different! A Chinese mother said to her child, “You

have done wrong; your god is very angry with you : come to his temple, and pray to him, that he may not send dreadful punishment upon you." Ever since he could understand any thing, he had been told of the terrible judgments sent by his gods ; and no wonder that he trembled all over with fear when he came into the presence of one whom he had offended. And such a god ! His eyes that could not see, his ears that could not hear, his lips that could not speak, were all made of cold, hard metal ; and he sat on a huge block of stone. His limbs were immovable ; and he could not take the children in his arms if he would. Yet to this god the boy must come, even though too young to sit alone, like the little fellow in the picture. His father held him in a proper position, and taught him to repeat over and over again some prayer, of whose meaning he had no idea ; while his grandfather and grandmother looked on to see that all was done as it should be.

Now, dear friends, when your mammas have tucked you into your little white beds at night, when you have said, "Now I lay me down to sleep," and "Our Father," won't you offer one short prayer for the heathen children, that they, too, may know and love your blessed Saviour?

DAKOTA GIRLS.

BY MR. A. L. RIGGS.

I WOULD like to introduce to the young people who read "Life and Light" the girls who are pupils in our Dakota Home. There are eight in attendance now, as we have opened the Home but recently. We shall have twenty as soon as the rooms are made ready for them. I call them girls ; but perhaps, as their ages run from fourteen to nineteen, I ought to speak of them as young ladies.

They have all of them been attending some time the mission day-school; and now, before they graduate into homes of their own, we wish to give them the training which will make them better housekeepers and better women. And it is for this work that you who are contributors to the Woman's Board of Missions have built this Dakota Home.

Let us step into the large and pleasant working-room of the Home, and see the girls. I will introduce them first by their Dakota names, that you may see what fanciful names Dakota parents choose for their children. You notice first that girl with a laugh always on her face, the youngest of the family, and around everywhere. That is *Miss Metal-re-appearing*. It is rather difficult to get at the idea of this name; but it seems to be that of some bright metal glancing into view. Next you see a rather heavy but jolly girl; that is *Miss Circling*: she ought to have been named Circumference instead. Here is *Miss Cloud-Shaker*, whom you would say was one of the quietest of the group. The only fitness in her name lies in her bright, starlike eyes. Now *Miss Singing-as-she-goes* comes along. Hers is a very good name indeed, except when she gets the sulks; and then the tune changes. That tall, ladylike girl is *Miss Sweetness*; and here in the corner you see *Miss Draped-in-Blue-Clouds*. Pensive and silent, she seems blue enough at times; and little wonder: for the small-pox last fall took her to death's door, while two sisters and a brother passed through; and, though she lives, she bears the sad marks in her face.

So here you have the family of the Home as it is at present. Half the day the girls attend to their books at the mission day-school; and the rest of the time they are at their work at the Home. Come in some evening, and pop corn with them, or join with them in singing their Dakota hymns. The ladies in charge, Mrs. Ingham and Miss Haines, will welcome you.

MISSION-CIRCLES.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

MAINE. — *South Freeport*. — "Snow-Birds," \$10.00.

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LULU'S LETTER.

IN the last number of "Echoes," the Woman's Board offered to adopt all the babies in the country into its missionary family. Almost before the words were written, there came to the secretary at the Congregational House two sweet little printed letters, — one from "Lilian Estelle," and one from "Lulu," who, if not exactly babies, are very little girls. As one of the letters shows how even the smallest and weakest can do something for the missionary cause, we give our readers the benefit of it.

DEAR "LIFE AND LIGHT," — I found out those verses in your last number without looking in the Bible for a single word ; and nobody helped me a bit. I am six years old, and a cripple : I have never walked. Sometimes mamma feels bad because I am not strong like other children ; but I tell her not to be sorry, because it must be good for me to be sick and weak, or else God would not let me be so ; and by and by my Jesus will take me up in his arms, and then I'll never be sick or tired any more. Won't it be nice ? I wish every one loved my Jesus, don't you ? I shall never be strong enough to be a missionary : but Jesus tells us to pray that laborers may be sent into the harvest ; and I can do that, can't I ? This is the first letter I ever wrote, and sister helped me.

LULU.

ENIGMA.

BY E. E. A.

I AM composed of twenty-four letters.

My 5, 19, 18, 12, is a person who occasioned great grief to both father and mother.

My 4, 8, 10, 4, 23, was refused by King Samuel.

My 6, 15, 14, 17, is an injury to sight.

My 11, 2, 12, 21, 3, 18, 14, 10, 2, 22, is what Christ is sometimes called.

My 1, 24, 18, 9, 7, is what we all need.

My 13, 20, 16, 23, was made from the bones of the king of Edom.

My whole is a prayer.

ANSWER TO CROSS-WORD ENIGMA.

"The Law of the Lord is perfect."

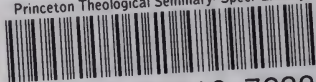
We have received correct answers to the cross-word enigma in the February number from H. S. C., Williamstown, Vt. ; M. R. S., Bennington, Vt. ; H. A. M., Norway, Me. ; A. E. N., Pittsfield, Mass. ; S. W., Waltham, Mass. ; P. L. G., Haverhill, N.H. ; G. F. H., Millbury, Mass. ; L. D. S., St Paul, Minn. Additional readings of the Turkish printing in the January number have also been received from E. A. F., Springfield, O. ; M. J. R. and C. B. P., Taunton, Mass. ; H. S. C., Williamstown, Vt. ; A. B. H., Phillipston, Mass. ; M. M. F., Winchester, Mass. ; M. H., Boston, Mass. ; K. S., Gloversville, N.Y. ; L. M., Bloomington, Wis.

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